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SUBJECT: MORO KIDNAPPING

1. ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (DC) ELECTORAL VICTORY IN 1948, THE RED BRIGADES ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC, ALDO MORO, HAS BEEN EXECUTED "BY MEANS OF SUICIDE." THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT MORO'S BODY CAN BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF LAKE DUCHESSA, WHICH IS IN THE MOUNTAINS TO THE EAST OF ROME. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATES THAT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A LONG SERIES OF SUICIDES, "WHICH CANNOT BE ONLY THE PREROGATIVE OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF GROUP." THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES WITH A THREAT TO VARIOUS DC FIGURES, AS WELL AS TO SOSSI AND OTHER BR KIDNAP VICTIMS WHO, IT STATES, ARE FREE ONLY ON GOOD BEHAVIOR.

2. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY CONFIRMS RECEIPT OF THE COMMUNIQUE AND HAS SENT TEAMS TO LAKE DUCHESSA TO SEARCH FOR THE BODY, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUND. GARDNER

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